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Claim 4 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 1 further comprising placing a wager on at least one said N card arrangements prior to the initial dealing of the cards.

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Claim 5 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 4 further comprising determining whether said at least one said N card arrangements wagered on includes a winning outcome after determining the poker hand rankings and if so, paying the player according to a pay table.

Claim 6 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 2 further comprising 12 said N card arrangements arranged as five vertical lines, five horizontal lines, and two diagonal lines.

Claim 7 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 6 further comprising allowing the purchase of said 12 said N card arrangements sequentially in a predetermined order.

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Claim 21 - A method for playing a poker game, comprising in combination:

- dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards;
- selecting some, none, or all of any of the cards within said NxN array of
- cards to be held;
- replacing unselected cards with new cards; and
- determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements

wherein any said card is implicated in at least two N card arrangements of hands.

Claim 22 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 21 further comprising wagering on one or more said N card arrangements prior to said dealing step.

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Claim 23 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 22 further comprising comparing said determined poker hand rankings to a pay table and paying a multiple of said wager according to a payout schedule in said pay table.

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Claim 24 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 23 further comprising providing a 52 card deck for dealing and replacing said cards.

Claim 25 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 24 defining N as five and including at least each five card row and each five card column in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 26 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 25 further including at least said five card diagonal groups of cards in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 27 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 24 defining N as three and including at least each three card row and each three card column in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 28 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 27 further including at least said three card diagonal groups of cards in said predefined N card arrangements.

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Claim 29 - A method for playing a poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck, comprising in combination:

dealing 25 cards face up in a five row by five column arrangement;

permitting a player to hold none, some, or all of any of said 25 cards;

replacing each card not held with a card from the remaining cards in the deck; and

comparing each five card row and column group of cards to predefined poker rules to determine ten hand rankings.

Claim 30 - The method for playing the poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck of claim 29 further comprising additionally comparing two diagonal five card groups extending one from a near top corner to a far bottom corner of said five row by five column arrangement of cards and another from a far top corner to a near bottom corner of said five row by five column arrangement of cards to predefined poker rules to determine an additional two hand rankings.

Claim 31 - The method for playing the poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck of claim 30 further comprising receiving a wager from a player for each row, column, or diagonal group of five cards prior to dealing said cards.